Thomas

3. Thomas = Martha Bolling.

Proof Amelia Co. Deed Bk 2 - 79.

Thomas & Martha Eldredge of Pri. Geo. to Jas. Mercey for 300 £ - 2641 a - moiety of land left by last w & T. of John Bolling Gent. to his two daus. the sd Martha & Ann the now wife of Jas. Mercey. 1744.

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He qualified as a lawyer in Amelia 1737. In 1745 he was appt a justice of Pri. Geo Co.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Smith's will recorded Oct 25. 1771 - in Brunswick - widow of Thomas Eldredge of Pri Geo was Elizabeth Jones. Wm & Mary Vol. 21. - 189.

Saml. Gordon letters of adm. on est of Tho. Eldredge - Elizabeth the widow & relict of sd

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Wm & Mary Vol. 21. -189.

Saml. Gordon letter of adm. on est of Tho. Eldredge - Elizabeth the widow & relict of sd Eldredge refused to assume adm. of husbands est. Ordered Wm. Shands Sr., Augustine Claiborne, John Edmunds & Thomas Young - to appr est. Jan. Ct, 1755;
Order. Bk. 1754-56. - page 120.

appr. - with Saml. Gordon adm. 3-22-1755
aug. Claiborne, Tho. Young, Henry Takum
Sussex Co. W. Bk. A - page 20.

Thomas

D. 12-4-1755. b. 1713 - d. 11-23-1749. - mar in 1727
Va. H. Mag. 22-107

Thomas Eldridge + Martha Bolling.

1. Jenny (Jane.) b. 1740 - stated to have married John Robinson Tyler's Q. vol XIII - 69 (not given in Poca + descendants").

2. Rolfe. of Subpoena b. 12-29-1744 - Clk of Buckingham Co. = Susan Everard Walker
Issue 4 Sons + 6 daus.

3. Mary b. 3-11-1743 = Thomas Branch - 3 Sons.

4 Judith " " = Jas. Ferguson - 1 Son - 1 dau

5. Martha b. 11-23-1749. = John Harris 1 Son - 2 dau.
(This list in Poca + his desc. page 34).

6. John. b. apr. 22, 1741. (Wm. + Mary. XIV - 1.

Thomas Eldridge + Elizabeth Jones (See Wm + Mary Issue! Vol. 23-144 + 221)

6. Crestolle b. 11-30-1752 = Ann dau of Buckner Sanier 6-1-1785. Brunswick Co.

7. Sarah = Tho. Edmunds. son of col Nicholas - 11-25-1771

8. Howell = Martha dau of Jas. Fisher 5-27-1782. Brunswick Co

9. Catherine

10. Charlotte (Eldridge or St. Pk P.)

another Sarah dau of Tho. Eldridge mar. George Rives of Sussex in 1762. left it happened to son Thomas mentioned in 3-11-1780 of Will.

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2. Rolfe. of Subpoena b. 12-29-1744 - Clk of Buckingham Co. = Susan Everard Walker Issue 4 Sons & 6 daus.

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1 Jane

(He may have had other children by Martha. In will of Jane Randolph of Curles - I lent to my niece Jane Eldridge during her nat. life, my negro woman Sally but my will is, that if my sd niece should marry & have issue etc. 1766. Rec. 1767. Val. Papers. page 1373. Richard Randolph of Curles 1786 - to worthy kinswoman Mrs Jane Eldredge, to kinsman Mr. John Eldridge 100 £. Val. Papers - 1458.

Thomas

3. Mary = Thomas Branch.

He was the son of Mathew Branch whose wifes name is unknown - will 1766 in chest. To son Thomas the plantation I now live on called Hanna Spring. Thomas was called Thomas Branch of "Hannah Spring" to distinguish him from others of the name. He has a deed recorded in 1799. The will of this Thomas B. has not been found. He had the following with probably other issue:-

1. Bolling Branch of Buckingham Co = Rebecca Graves. Issue:-
   a. Mary Susan = John T. Wiley.
   b. Wm.
   c. Sarah = Edw. Gregg.
2. Mathew = Martha Cox.
   a. Polly = Thomas Mary.

(See Wm & Mary Vol. 26-114.

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   1. James = Jane widow of Col Bolling Tom Payne.
      = 2. Sally Gay. (4 Sons + 4 dau).
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      = 2. Sally Gay. (4 Sons + 4 dau).
   2. dau

(See Poca & her descendants page 39.)

5. Martha = John Harris.

The will of John Harris was dated 12-26-1770 + proved in Surry Co. 3-19-1771. He desired to be buried by his wife & parents - to dau Pamela McRae - to son Richard Harris, dau Mary Harris, dau

Thomas

ann Kennon, (who was deaf) + sons Kennon + Eldridge Harris. Commit's his dau. ann Kennon to the Care of Rev. Xtopher Mc-Rae + his wife. Directs his land at Ware neck + Poters to be sold and divided among 3 sons - appts his particular friends Rev. Xtopher Mc-Rae Rector of Southwarks Parish, Michael Nicholson and Wm Eldridge of Surry Co. (The theory has been advanced that this Martha is probably the dau of Thos. Eldridge Sr. rather than that of Thomas Eldridge + Martha Bolling.)

See. Va Mag Vol. 23. - 95 + seq.

(Poca + her Desc. claim only 1 son + 2 daus).

William

2-40 Anne. D. Wm Eldridge & W. Anne. 2-7-1771
Geo. Rives, Martha Belscher, Sarah Petway.

2-19. Robt. Son. Wm Eldridge & W. Anne. 1-4-1764.
Robt Jones, Wm, Willie, Jacobina Wyche,
Ann Clarborne

63 Margaret-dau Wm Willie & W. Eliza - 1-8-1744/5 -
Rev John Betty, Robt Jones Jr - Martha Eldridge,
Sarah Jones.

2-48 Mary d of Wm Eldridge & W. Anne - 8-22-1768.
Cyrill Avery - Th Avery Eliza Cyrill.

William

G.B 582. 11-22-1722 Ind Wm Eldridge Jr. of P. Geo Co. to
Math Parham 100 a on Nehemias Co on Mr
John Peterson — True bnds.
Wit. Jas Threatt. Jos. Reames.
Rd. for 5 £
Regist of Deeds rec by Eliza Eldridge Pow of
atty to Mr. Thos. Walton
Jas Threatt. Jos Ramsey 10-28-1723

Wm. Eldridge - May ct. 1757 - "Supposed son"
Math Moor. wife Mary - other legatees -
Nula Moor, Charity Moor, Patty Peacock dau.
of Elizabeth Peacock. Bro. Samuel - sisters
Martha, Thos. Nixon, Martha Moor (?)
Ex Wm Kichen, Jas. Washington, Benj.
De Berry. Wit John De Berry, Wm
Richardson, Rebekah Dawson. No Hampton Co.

Abs. of N.C. Will - Grimes P. 111

John Cargill = Anne Eldridge rel ct
9-15-1774 of Wm. Eldridge.
Sussex Co.

William

76. Tho. S of Wm Eldridge + W. Ame - 1-19-1766

Capt Wm. Eldridge (Tho's) lived in Sussex Co. where he died apr. 17, 1772. He mar Ann Jones dau of Rich. Jones of Surry who d. in 1774. She mar 2ndly John Cargill gr. son of Rev. John Cargill of Surry. W + M. Wt. 23-144. ✓

Eldridge - Wm = wife Ann, son Robert, dau Elizabeth, son Thomas, dau Mary, dau Ann, my wife + my brotherinlaw Robt Jones, Ex.

Tho. Carlton Jan-24-1772
Susanna — May-21 1772
WBB - pg 350.
See

1-15-1757. 1757

52. Rich Blunt, Tho. Parham, Wm Eldridge + Rich Hill appears of in the substance for oath

Wm. Edwards — Susannah Maclin - dau of John Maclin.
12-1-1771 Brunswick Co.

7-20-1756 - Wm Edwards of Brunswick & Sarah dau of Tho. Edmunds. Sec. Wm Eldridge + consent of J. Edmunds to mar of sister a ward. Sussex Co.

Eldridge.

John Maccenheg. is appt. guardian to Ann Eldridge orphan of Wm Eld. decd. + to John + Nathaniel Cargill orphans of John Cargill. 1781.

Order 1777 - pg 119.

The Estate of Elizabeth Eldridge orphan of Capt Wm. Eld. decd. 1775.

The Estate of Tho. E. orphan of above 1774.

The Estate - Polly E. of of above 1775

The Estate - Robt. Eldridge orphan of Sec 1774

The Est. of Nancy E.

pg 423-425.

Order Bk 1764-87
Guardian acct.

Ann John
Bolling Richard
Edward
Elijah

1-6. Elizah, son Tha Eldredge & w. Relief - 6-9-1755 -
Edw Prince. Jos. Ivy. Betty Prince

W+D B 1721-25 Norfolk Co.
p. 57.
9-16-1722. Ret Tho. Butt, Jr of So. B of E. Rw
to Edw. Etheridge - 5 shil - 125 a on
So Br - pt of a pat of 3000 gted
Tho. Butt Sr + Col Milner. G. S.
wit. Wm Miller, Pat White. Ro P
Wm Fenters. Rel. 24 £

John Eldredge to be apprehended
as a pirate 1699. 21
E.J.C. of C. Ra II. Escaped from H.T.
29.

3 chest. O.B 3
76. Bolling Eldredge 1760 180 op of Tho.

9-292 Ann Eldredge Sale - Signed Fred'k Lamer
Brunswick 7-25-1808

Ann John
Bolling Richard
Edward
Elijah

Brennwich

E-447. ap est J Aust. Eldridge - 11-14-1800
Legal Heirs + A. Eldridge
by John L Wilkins, Arad Wellon, Merritt Aly
7-26-1802

OFFICE HOURS:
UNTIL 11 A. M.
3 TO 5 P. M.
6 TO 8 P. M.

DR. O. F. MERSHON, REGISTERED No. 129
2305 CHRISTIAN STREET,
TELEPHONE. PHILADELPHIA, PA. DATE

R For Blanch

Residence

Va His. vol. 19 - pg 50
Sussex Co - Wills
Richard Eldridge Dec - 1818
Book H - p. 547

Charles Taliaferro - 1799-1856
m. 1st 1821 Jane Whitlock
" 2nd 1839 Elizabeth Eldridge
by 1st m. 5 children
" 2nd " 6 "

Tyler's Quar. XI. pg 21 -
Taliaferro Family

Eldridge

OFFICE HOURS:
UNTIL 11 A. M.
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6 TO 8 P. M.

DR. O. F. MERSHON, REGISTERED No. 1207
2305 CHRISTIAN STREET,
TELEPHONE. PHILADELPHIA, PA. DATE

R For Blanch

Residence

66. Eldredge - Ann = Ann Sanner 11.15.14. OK 6-1-1785

Brunswick ✓ Geo G = -- Adams 9-8-1817

✓ ✓ = Mary Ann A. Smith 12-9-1827

✓ Howell = Martha Fisher OK 5-27-1782

✓ Rolf = Susanna Walker OK 11-25-1773

✓ Thos = Nancy Parlings 4-14-1829

✓ Wm H = Eliza Scarbrough 12-19-1820

This may certify that according to license granted, I have joined together in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, Robert Rivers and Ann Eldredge the 18th of Dec. One thousand, Seven hundred and Eighty Eight Given under my hand this 3rd day of January 1789.

John Eastere

Sussex.

Teste.

Jesse Hargrave, Clerk
Sussex County
Virginia.

June 14, 1932.

P. Geo Deeds &c. 315

6-1-1719 - Lett John Bolling, Fra Eppes Jr & Henry Randolph of the Co. of Hen. Gent. & Tho. Eldridge of the Co. of Surry - 5 Shil. one T. con. 623 a + 14 poles in Co of P. Geo known by the name of Waugh-neck - gt by pat. Nov. 20, 1682 unto Wm. Randolph & Robt. Bolling Gent & afterwards 1/3 pt of sd land sold by Wm Randolph & Robt. Bolling unto Fra. Eppes. Gent & the sd. Rand. Bolling & Eppes by sd Trepartite deed. d. Feb. 3. 1684 gave the sd land unto the afsd. John Bolling Fra. Eppes & Henry Randolph - by at a corner oak of Hugh Lee, - main Waugh Neck Swamp - for the term of one year.

Drewry Bolling
Fra. Eppes Jr.
Rich. Kennon.

John Bolling
Fra. Eppes Jr.
Henry Randolph

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John Nicholls late of the Col. of Va. now of London, mercht. - to Tho Eldridge, Gent - farm letten - for 3 yrs - on the main Blackwater swamp in P. Geo. Co. Sept 17. 1719.

Thos Poofod
Saml. Chappell
Edmund Silver.

Feb 9, 1719.

395. Bond of Tho. Eld. & [illegible] 3-6-1723 to

known by the name of Waugh-neck - got by pat. Nov. 20, 1682 unto Wm. Randolph & Robt. Bolling Gent & afterwards 1/3 pt of sd land sold by Wm Randolph & Robt. Bolling unto Fra. Eggs. Gent & the sd. Rand. Bolling & Eggs by sd Tripartite deed. d. Feb 3. 1684 gave the sd land unto the afsd. John Bolling, Fra. Eggs & Henry Randolph - by at a corner oak of Hugh Lee, - main Waugh Neck Swamp - for the term of one year.

Henry Bolling. John Bolling
Fra. Eggs Jr. Fra Eggs Jr
Rich. Kennon. Henry Randolph.

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Thos Poeford Feb 9, 1719.
Saml. Chappell
Edmund Silver.

695. Bond of Tho. Eldridge - 3-6-1723 - to Henry Ivy for 100 £ - land towards - procurement &c.

Chesterfield - 1754. - Ordered That the petition of Judith Eldredge Ex of Tho. Eld. decd. agst. Joseph Goode be dismissed.

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Eldridge used as a given name in Flowerny Family.

Notes from Journal House of Burgesses - apr. 23, 1718 - Tho. Eldridge Commissioned clerk to the the house of Burgesses by the Governor. Took the oath as clerk.

apr. 28 1718 Tho. Eldridge resigns as clerk & John Randolph Commissioned by the Gov - was sworn etc - Wm & Mary Ht. 21 - 251, & 252.

Col. Pleasants of Henrico Co. To Thomas Eldridge - 200 a in Goochland Co. apr 7, 1777. Goochland Co. D.B 12-16.

D. 11-4-1740. D. 10-14-1759 - aged 67.

Tho. Eldredge = Judith Kennon

1. Wm (under 2) in 1739). Prince Geo. + Surry.
2. Richard (Roxsdale in Co. of Henrico)
3. Thomas.
4. Judith = Chas Binns (T.Q. Vol 5-140.
5. Elizabeth
6. Ann.
7. Martha

gr. children. Jane + Thomas.

1. Wm 2 (Thomas') = Ann Jones dau of Richard of Surry

D 4-17-1772

1. Robert, 2 Thomas, 3. Elizabeth 4 Mary 5. Ann.

John Cargill = Ann relict of Wm Eldredge

Sussex Co. 9-15-1774

John Marrenburg is appt. guardian To Ann Eldredge orphan of Wm, and to John + Nath Cargill 1781. Orders 1777 - p 119.

1.

2. Thomas - produced licence to practice law. Mar. 1754. Sussex Co. O.B. 1754-56 (Page no. torn).

= Eliza Pennington - widow 4-21-1769 in Sussex Co.

Ann. Elizabeth Eldredge d. 9-15-1745 - alk. Par. P. 5.

4. Judith = Chas Penna (T.Q. Vol 5-140.
5. Elizabeth
6. Ann.
7. Martha

gr. children. Jane & Thomas.

1. Wm[2] (Thomas) = Ann Jones dau of Richard of Surry
D 4-17-1772

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5 = Ann = Rivers

Ann. Elizabeth Eldridge d. 9-15-1745 - alle. Pen. P. 5.

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Richard Randolph of Cuckle - 1786 - to worthy kinswoman Mrs Jane Eldridge. To kinsman Mr John Eldridge 1 sol.
U.P - 1458.

Robert Pleasants of Henrico Co. to Thomas Eldridge 200 a in Goochland Co. on S. side of Buckingham Co. being pt of 782 pat by John Pleasants Feb 2, 1737 & given by his last will to sd Robt Pleasants. Apr. 7, 1777
Goochland Co. D.B 12 - 16.
U. P.

Thus sisters Emelene Thomas Eldridge, Lucilla Eldridge & Mary E. mar. as follows.

Emelene T. E. b. Sept 23, 1813 - d. 2-22-1843 m. 7-30-1833 John Covington Haidy of Greenbrier & Nicholas Co. Lucilla E mar. Rich. Edward Thornton of Essex, Mary E = Wm Thornton of Essex
Wm + M. 2 hd Sec. - 351.

Duplicate

Sussex
H-547

(↓ ? indexed as Richard Eldridge)
Robt Eldridge – wife Mary son John Irby
Eldridge – to sell land & after just debts
to be appropriated to the use of all my family
in moving them to the westward – at wife's death
to all my children, 9-9-1818 12-3-1818
Peter Bassel, Thos. E Peeble, John R. Mason Jr.

a-20

ap est of Thos. Eldridge – ordered – 10-1755-
ap 3-22-1755- £31-1 ?, Saml. Gordon
adm. – aug. Clarkson. Thos. Young. Henry Tabb
4-14-1755-

a-147

Judith Eldridge Per of alb – if dec Sarah should live to
attain age of 21 – if d.s.p – among my grand ?
Mary Jack, Elyce, Judith & Anne Sterling Jack,
son wm Eldridge – son wm Ex –
3-2-1754 – 2-15-1760.
Thos. Eldridge, John Goodwyn, John Irby,
Nath Tomlinson

QUERY ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE.

SUBLETTE—April 20, 1930, W. C. B.: My father, Richard Anderson Sublette, born January 23, 1850, in Jackson County, Alabama, near Scottsboro, died May 25, 1924. He was the son of Colonel J. J. Sublette and Sara Wood Sublette, whose other children were: Margaret, William Madison, John Benjamin and Mary Ann—the only one now living, called Aunt Mollie. She is Mrs. W. W. Harrison, who owns the Antlers Hotel at Mena, Ark. Sublette's father was Benjamin S. Sublette, son of Benjamin Sublette, of the Revolutionary War, whose father was Peter Lewis Sublette, whose father, Abraham Sublette, left Paris in 1685, and landed in Jamestown, Va., about 1700, going via Germany, Holland and England. They lived in Powhatan County, Virginia, for several generations, and then settled near Bowling Green, Ky. Benjamin and family then moved to Murfreesboro, Tenn., and finally to Cherokee Nation—now Northern Alabama. Here J. J. and Mary Wood were married and reared their family. Have had inquiries from people in Virginia and Texas as to family. Shall be glad to correspond as to family.—R. H. Sublette, Greenville, S. C.

Duplicate

AN INTIMATE STUDY OF THOMAS ELDRIDGE, SENIOR AND JUNIOR.

by

William B. Hall, M. D.,
Selma, Alabama.

Duplicate

THOMAS ELDRIDGE.

Valentine Papers) T. Eldridge a witness to the will of Wm. Randolph 1709.
Vol. 1710-14)
Page 1372.)

Deed Bk. 1403,) Wm. Randolph Jr., of the County of Henrico, in consideration of 5
Henrico County,) shillings conveys to Robt. Bamford, Henry Cary, Jr., Isham Randolph
(Deed Book), p.25) and Thomas Eldridge, 4 acres in Henrico County, on the end of that
Dated 8, I, 1720) tract of land given me by my father, taking the sd quantity out of
Rec. 8,31, 1710) the full width thereof at the sd N. end being the furthest pt from
the river. To be equally divided between them during their natural
lives.

The. and Judith Eldridge witness deed of Wm. Kennon to her brother
Richard Kennon, Jr., June 1711.

Journal House of Burgesses April) The. Eldridge, commissioned Clerk of the House of Burgesses by the
23, 1718, & 28 ") Governor, took the oath of office as Clerk.
Wm. & Mary Quart)
Vol. 21, p.251.) Thos Eldridge resigns as Clerk of the House, and John Randolph com-
" " " 252.) missioned by the Governor was sworn Clerk.

Bristol Parish) To Mr. The. Eldridge for defending suit vs. John Ellis 600 lbs.
Vestry Book p.11)
Nov. 8, 1722)

Virg. Mag/ Vol.) In April 1681 Wm. Byrd sold to Richard Kennon, Gent. 507 acres at Rocke-
XXXII, p. 390) dale, Henrico Co. (now Chesterfield) which had formerly sold by Bowman
to Kennon, but in reality had been the property of John Zouck had been
escheated and regranted to Abel Gower, who sold to Byrd. Richard Ken-
non gave the property to his daughter Judith who married The. Eldridge

In 1711 there is this record: "Rec'd deed from Bro-in-law, Col. Wil-
liam Kennon" one of Sir Thomas Dale's ancient settlements in Henrico
Co. known as Rochedale Hundred (now known as Jones' Rock) on the south
side of the River west of Curles Neck which i on the north side.

(Col. William Kennon was the eldest son of Dr. Richard Kennon and was
evidently carrying out the gift of his father to daughter Judith.)

Surry County,) Will of Thomas Eldridge:
D. Bk. 3, p. 317) Devises:
Dated 8, 17, 1739 To wife Judith---- tract or plantation whereon we now livecte--
Rec. 5, 20, 1741) after decease to my loving son William---
(No witnesses.) To wife tract of land called Blackwater in Prince George until my
son William attains age of 21 years----- also tract (that tract)
of land in the County of Prince George, after her decease to be
equally divided between my sons William and Richard.
To wife use and occupation of that part of my land on the No. of
the Waughrick Swamp in the Co. of Prince George that lyes below
the corn field that turned out by my son Thomas. I devise the
said tract together with an entry for land which I made with Col.

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Robt. Bolling, Surveyor of that County joining on that land, to my son Thos. his heirs and assigns forever.
I give unto my said son Thomas all my law bookes my silver tankard and I doz. silver spoons val. Sexix lbs sterling.
To my loving daughter Judith, slaves
" " " " Elizabeth "
" " " " Mary "
" " " " Ann "
" " " " Martha "
" Son William slaves
" Son Richard "
To son Richard tract of land called Rexdale in the Co. of Henrico.
To son Wm. land I purchased of James and Binsford Dickens on So. side of Notaway Riv. in Surry.
To my wife and her heirs all that tract of land which I have at a place called The Hunting Quarter in Surry.
To Grand-son Tho. Eldridge and my Grand-dau. Jane Eldridge
The reason I give my wife so large a share of my estate is for that I have so great a confidence of her goodness and natural affection at all times. Give what she can spare of it to any of my children wno either of them shall need assistance.

Prince George Co.) Deed between John Bolling, Fra. Epes, and Henry Randolph of the Co. of
Deeds etc 3I5,) Henrico, and Thomas Eldridge of the Co. of Surry--- 5 shillings---
6, I, I7I9.) one T(ract) containing 623 A. & I4 poles in Co. of Prince George known by the name of Waugh-rick--- got by patent Nov. 20, I682 unto Wm. Randolph and Robert Bolling, Gent. and afterwards I/3 of sd land sold by Wm. Randolph and Robt. Bolling unto Fran. Epes, Gent. and the sd. Bolling and Epes by said Tripartite deed Feb. 3, I704 gave the said land unto the afsd John Bolling, Fra. Eppes & Henry Randolph by and at a corner oak of Hugh Lee---- Main Waugh Swamp--- for the term of one year.
Wit: Drury Bolling, John Bolling.
Fra. Eppes, Jr., Fra. Epes.
Rich. Kennon. Henry Randolph.

Idem, 390.) John Nickells late of the Col(ony) of Va. now of London, Mercht.----
Date 9, I7, I7I8) to Thomas Eldridge------ farm letten for 3 years ---- on the Main
Rec. 2, 9, I7I9.) Blackwater Swamp in Pr. Geo. Co.

Idem, 695.) Bond of Thomas Eldridge, 3, 6, I723 --- to Henry Ivey for I00 L.
) --- land etc. ------ processioned etc.

Chesterfield Co.) Ordered that the petition of Judith Eldridge, Ex. of Tho. Eldridge
Order Book I754,) decd. against Joseph Geeds be dismissed.
p. 48I.)

Sussex County.) Wm. Shands, Jr. & Priscilla his wife to Nathan Northington--- I40
Deed Book A. p. I8) acres---- part of land devised by Thomas Eldridge to Judith Eldridge his wife, and after her decease to his son Wm. Eldridge, which he did sell to Thomas Shands, and Tho. Shands (by last will and testament, died Nov. I3, I7) did give to his brother Wm.

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Wm. & Mary Quar.) "Judith Eldridge wife of Thomas Eldridge died in Sussex County, Oct.
Vol. XX, p. 205,) I4, I759, aged 67. Her will was dated March 2, I754, and proved in S Surry , Feb. I5, I760. It names daughter Sarah, and granddaughters Mary, Elizabeth, Judith and Ann Sterling Clack".

Idem same Vol. &) Among children mentioned in will "5. Ann, married Sterling Clack, clo
page.) of Brunswick county, and had issue: Eldridge, James, Mary, Elizabeth Judith and Ann Sterling Clack. Ann Clack died Aug. I2, I752. (Quarterly, XIV, p.3)."

Brunswick County Wills.

Will Book 3,) Sterling Clack of the Parish of St. Andrews, - ---- to friend John
p. I9) Lightfoot, Esq. to pay my debts, ---- then equally divided between
) wife and children---- part of the estate administered to be placed in
) possession of Lewis Parham & John Clack .
) Exec: John Clack. Dated I--- I750. Rec. 3, 26, I75I.
) Witnes: Cadet Young, Henry Meeres, C. Courtney.
) Codicil: to son Eldridge Clack.
)

Note: John Clack was his brother, who married Mary Kennon the daughte of Capt. Richard Kennon and Agnes Relling.

Idem.)
p. I99) Appraisal of estate of Sterling Clack by Lewis and James Parham, I757.

Idem.) Further appraisal by Wm. Wyche, Henry Jackson & Jas. Parham--- to said
p. 209) Administrator of Ann Clack for her portion .
) Audited by Nich. Edmunds, Drury Stith, Littleton Tazewell. 2, 23, I757

Idem.) Jas. Clack of the Parish of St. Andrews, ------ to sons John & William
p. 227) ----- if they can not agree, then division to be made by Robt.
) Ruffin, Wm. Thornton and Henry Meeres, ---- to daughter Polly---- to
)) daughter Sarah Machin, --- to daughter Betty Anderson, to my loving wife
) Mary Clack, during life or widowhood.
) Exs: Robert Ruffin & Wm. Thornton. Dated, 6, 3, I757. Rec. 8, 23, I757
)) Wit: Henry Meeres, Nich Jarrett, Micajah Perry.

Will Book 4,) Mary Clack, of the Parish of St. Andrews,---- to my son John--- to my
p. 336) son William--- to son-in-law Robt. Ruffin, ----- to gr.-son Eldridge
)) Clack. Exs: sons John and William, Dated, 4, 23, I763.
) Wit: Rec. 8, 23, I763.
.) Wm. Lindsey, Wm. Rary, Patrick Hall.
) Sec: Jas. Parham, Tho. Twitty, Sr.
Note: James Clack and his wife Mary Sterling were the parents of Sterling and John Clack above.

The children of James Clack and Mary Sterling are given which will interpret a number of the names in the above Clack records.

I. Sterling Clack ,	married	Ann Eldridge.
2. John Clack,	"	Mary Kennon.
3. Jane Clack,	"	William Thornton.
4. Mary Clack,	"	Ist. John Lightfoot.
		2nd. Robert Ruffin.
5. Dorothy Clack,	"	Hinchea (Hinshaw) Mabry.
6. Elizabeth Clack,	"	ClaibornAnderson.
7. William Clack,	"	Betty Twitty.
8. Sarah Clack,	"	William McClin, Jr.

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"Pocahontas etc." Page 32.	4."Martha Bolling, b.[illegible]; d. Oct. 23, 1749; m., 1727, Thomas Eldridge, d. Doc. 4, 1754.
" 34.	Children: "5. Jenny Eldridge, b. circa, 1740. 5. Rolfe Eldridge of "Subpoena", b. December 29, 1744, Clerk of Buckingham; m. Susan Everard Walker. 5. Mary Eldridge b. March 11th. 1746, m. Thos. Branch. 5. Judith Eldridge, b. March 11, 1748; m. James Ferguson. 5. Martha Eldridge, m. John Harris of England.
	In 1737 he qualified to practice law in Amelia County. In 1745 he was appointed a justice for Prince George County.
Amelia County, Deed Book 2, p. 79. 1744.	The. and Martha Eldridge of Prince George County sells for 300 £, 2641 acres ------- a moiety of land left by the last will and testament of John Bolling, Gent. to his two daughters the said Martha and Anne the new wife of James Murray. Witnesses: David Bell, Alex. Speirs, Neill MacLean and Pat. Mullens.
W. & Mary Quart. Vol. XX, pp. 187-91. Will Book 3, p. 626 Surry County. 1749.	Will of Charles Binns circa 1748 in Surry County leaves legacies inter alios to "nephew Thomas to be Guardian to Charles, and if he dies then to "Brother Thomas Eldridge"
Sussex County Court Book 1754-56.	The. Eldridge and John Edmunds produce license to practice law 1752,
Idem: Ordo Book.	Saml. Gordon given letters of Administration on estate of Thomas Eldridge----- Elizabeth the widow and relict of said Eldridge refuses to take administration of her husband's estate. Ordered Wm Shanck, Sr., Augustine Claiborne, John Edmunds, and The. Young to act as appraisers of the estate . Jan'y Court 1755.
Sussex County, Will Book A. p. 20 Mar. 22, 1755.	Samuel Gordon appointed Administrator----- 31--- 14 for estate of The. Eldridge. Aug. Claiborne, The. Young and Henry Tatum, Appr. S.C.P. 20.
Brunswick Co. D. B. 5. p. 352,	The. Eldridge sells land in 1752 --- which he claims as heir-at law of Richard Eldridge decd. (Brother)

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Will Book 4,)
p. 40.)
Brunswick Co.)

Abstract of Will of Drury Stith, of Brunswick County.

Drury Stith of the Parish of St. Andrews, Brunswick County.

"I lay no claim to any part of the estate ~~as~~ my wife was possessed of at our marriage".

Devises: To son Buckner land on the south side of Sturgeon River, bounded by lands of Tho. Stith, Henry Moore, Drury Stith, John Loyd, Buckner Stith and---- Merritt---- 1100 acres.

To wife Elizabeth a tract of land on south side of Beaver ~~xxx~~ Pond Branch, being land bought of Vaughan and Clayton----746 acres, at her death to son Thomas.

To Robert Lawrence's heirs tract between Moore's and Procter's ---- 210 acres.

To wife Elizabeth another tract on Beaver Pond Branch.

To son Buckner negroes.

To daughter Eliza(beth) negroes, "being the same mentioned in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxGriffinxonxSturgeon~~ my letter to her Uncle John".

Lands lately purchased of Tho. and Wm. Griffin on Sturgeon River -- part to Wife , and part to son Edmunds.

To Wife slaves and personal estate---- "during her life , after her decease to be equally divided among children I have had by her."

Executors: John Coleman, Sterling Edmunds, and wife Elizabeth.

Wit:

Nath. Roberson,	Dated 25 or 26 of June 1770
Chas. Sadler,	Recorded 9. 19. 1770 and
Wm. Parsons.	Feb'y 25, 1771.

Codicil: Bequests of more lands to children already named & to Richard Littlepage Lawrence.

Wit: Tho. Lundie, Henry Simmons, Tho. Edmunds.

Will Book 4,)
p. 49.)
Brunswick Co.)
Proved and)
recorded Feb.)
25, 1771

Abstact of Will of Elizabeth Stith, wife of Drury Stith.

Devises: To Elizabeth Stith et als . (step daughter)

To son Aristotle plantation known as Fishers, part of a tract Col. Drury Stith purchased of John Nash---- 600 acres---"on condition that he or his heirs give to my daughter Sarah when she shall marry"---- also"a tract I bought of Tho. Buckland Griffin---- 242 acres---- on condition that he pay Sarah 200 £ when she is 21".

To son Howell, part of above tract bought of John Nash, 500 acres.

To daughters Katherine and Charlotte-- rings.

All the residue of my estate to daughter Sarah.

If Aristotle, Howell or Sarah die without heirs , property to be divided among survivors.

Children to be disposed of as follows: Howell to care of Sterling Edmunds, son Thomas to Rev. Tho, Lundie, daughters Catherine and Charlotte to John Coleman, son Edmunds to care of Tho. Simmons.

Executors: -- friend John Coleman, Tho. Simmons and Sterling Edmunds.

Wit: Sterling and Tho. Edmunds, Tho, Stone.

Security Richard Elliott. 2000 £.

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Elizabeth Eldridge, dau. of James Jones[II] and wife Sarah, dau. of Capt. Howell and wife Eliza Blunt Edmunds; son of James Jones[II], d. 1725 of Martins B. Ch *

son of James Jones[I] d 1719 of Prince George Co.

Jas. Jones[III] d. 1742, uncle of the celebrated Robt. (Robin) Jones 1717-1766, Atty. Gen[l]. of N. C.; grt. uncle of Allen and William Jones, Rev. Pat[ts]. in No. Ca.

(Sons of The Revolution, Vol. 5. p. 81) 1927.

This has not been investigated. * (Evidently Martins Branden Parish.)

Howell Eldridge was a witness to a deed of John Ballard of Mecklingbur County to Sterling Edmunds of Brunswick County in 1773. Brunswick County Records, Deed Book II, p. 230. Valentine Papers, p. 120.

A number of Eldridge wills, as also Edmunds will be found of a later date among Brunswick County will, etc. In the Virginia Magazine Vol. XXII, April 1914, pp. 190, 191. The names Ann, Aristotle, Howell, Thomas and Elizabeth after 1800 may be of interest as continuing the names in this study.

References:

Virginia Magazine Hist. & Biography, Vol. IV, pp. 276, 280.
Idem: " V, " 90, 91. Kennon family.
" " XXII " 217, 444.
" " XXXII " 276, 280.

William and Mary College Quarterly, " XX, " 91, 197, 204, 207. XXXXX.
" " " " " " XXI, " 251, 252.

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The following entries taken from Albemarle Parish Register.
Annotated to show relationships.

Sarah, dau. of Tho. Eldridge & wife Judith,
B. 5, I4--- Bap. 5, 25, I740.
God-parents: Tho. Eldridge, Jr., Agnes Kennon, Martha Eldridge. p.39.
(Tho. Eldridge was her brother, and Martha (Belling) Eldridge was his wife. Agnes Kennon was Agnes Belling[2] the youngest child of Robert Belling[1] by his second wife Anne Stith, and she married Capt. Richard Kennon[2], her uncle and brother of her mother Judith Kennon.)

John, son of Tho. Eldridge & wife Martha,
B. 4, 22--- Bap. 5, I7, I74I.
God-parents: Wm. Eppes, Wm. Willis, Ann Belling, Anne Eldridge. p. 24.
(The Eppes were relatives and friends of the family, on both sides. Martha Belling[3], daughter of Robert Belling[2], married Richard Eppes of "Bermuda Hundred" and Judith Kennon's eldest brother Major William Kennon married Anne Eppes. Rev. William Willis was Rector of the Parish. Ann Belling was Anne Belling[3], his aunt the sister of his mother Martha Belling[3]; Anne Eldridge[2] was his aunt also being the sister of his father. Anne Belling shortly thereafter married James Murray, and Ann Eldridge, generally spelled Ann married later Sterling Clack of Brunswick County.)

Judith, dau. of Tho. Eldridge & wife Martha, p. 59.
B. 3, II, I742/3; Bap. 4, 4, I743.
God-parents: Wm. Willis, Judith Eldridge, ~~Elizabeth~~ Isabel Bodingfield.
(twin) (Rev. William Willis was Rector of the Parish, Judith Eldridge was his grandfather. Isabel Bodingfield was a friend.)

Mary, dau. of Tho. Eldridge & wife Martha, p. 59.
B. 3, II, I742/3, Bap. 4, 4, I743.
(twin.) God-parents: Henry Bodingfield, Elizabeth Eldridge, Isabel Bodingfield.
(Henry Bodingfield and his wife Isabel were friends. Elizabeth Eldridge was her father's sister and she died Sept. I5, I745.)

Rolf, son of Tho. Eldridge & wife Martha, p. 38.
B. I2, 29, I744, Bap. 4, 4, I744/5.
God-parents: Augustine Claiborne, Wm. Clack, Ann Murray, Martha Eldridge.
(Augustine Claiborne was a friend and is taken to be the husband of Mary Herbert of "Puddledock", Prince George County, later Dinwiddie. William Clack was the son of his aunt Ann Eldridge[2] who married Sterling Clack and therefore his first cousin. Ann Murray was his aunt. She was the God-mother of his brother John, and it is to be noted that she had married in the meantime James Murray. Martha Eldridge is taken to have been his mother.

Aristotle, son of Tho. Eldridge and his wife Elizabeth,
B. I0, 30, I75I, Bap. I, 29, I752.
God-parents: Xtopher Mason, Wm. Willis & Margaret St--- ?
(Christopher Mason was a friend, William Willis was the Rector of the Parish, and Margaret St--- can not be placed. It is to be noted that his father had married for the second time Elizabeth Jones.)

Howell, son of Tho. Eldridge & wife Eliza.
B. 3, II--- Bap. 3, 2I, I753.
God-parents: John Jones, Wm. Willis & Elizabeth Willis.
(John Jones was a maternal relative. Rev. William Willis was the Rector of the Parish and Elizabeth is taken to have been his wife.)

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Thomas, son of Wm. Eldridge & wife Ann, p. 76.
B. I, I9, Bap. I766.
(No God-parents noted)

Eliza, dau. of Wm. Eldridge & wife Ann, 2nd. Vol. p. 29 ?
B. 3, 25, Bap. I762.
(God-parents: John Eldridge, Mary Eldridge, Judith Eldridge, all her first cousins children of her uncle Thomas Eldridge and his wife Martha Belling[3].)

Ann his 2nd. Vol. p. I9.

Robert, son of Wm. Eldridge &/wife,
B. I, 4, Bap. 2, 25, I764.
God-parents: Robt. Jones, Wm. Willis, Jacobina Wylie, Ann Claiborne.
(Robert Jones was his mothers brother Rev. William Willis was Rector of the Parish. The last two not identified.)

Mary, dau. of Wm. Eldridge & wife Ann, 2nd. Vol. p. 46
B. 8, 22, -- Bap. I0, 26, I768.
God-parents: Cyrell Avary, Martha Burr--?, ------- Avary.

Anne, dau. of Wm. Eldridge & wife Ann, 2nd Vol. p. 48.
B. 2, 7, Bap. 4, 2I, I77I.
God-parents: George Rives, Martha Bolnches, Sarah Potway.

Deaths.

Tho. Eldridge, II, 4, I740, by Tho. Eldridge. (Jr.) p. 6I.

Elizabeth Eldridge, 9, I5, I745, by. Tho. Eldridge. " 62.

Martha Eldridge, I0, 23, I749, by Tho. Eldridge. " 62.

Tho. Eldridge. I2, 4, I754, by. John Hay. " 65.

Capt. Wm. Eldridge, 4, 7. I772. " 68.

Note. Up to I730 there were two parallel Prishes Southwark and Lawn's Creek extending south to the North Carolina line. In that year Lawn's Creek Parish was abolished and Southwark Parish embraced all of the original two north of Blackwater River. That south of the River was organized into a new Parish and given the name Albemarle. The Rev. William Willis was the first Rector and held charge until his death in I776.
The Register was accurately and faithfully kept by him and now in a more or less dilapidated state is the property of The Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. The Parish was then in Surry and included Sussex when it was established in 1754

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Thomas Eldridge I was evidently born sometime during the latter part of the seventeenth centurybut there seems to be nothing known of him until he married Judith Kennon the daughter of Dr. Richard Kennon of "Conjurer's Neck". The statement has been made that his eldest son Thomas, Jr. was born in 1710. In the Register of Albemarle Parish Judith Eldridge died in 1759 aged 67, and the year of her birth was 1692. She must have been seventeen to eighteen years old when she married if the above date of her son Thomas is correct. In 1709 he willnessed the will of William Randolph, and in 1711 he and his wife witnessed deed of William Kennon to Richard Kennon, Jr., both her brethers. In 1718 he was commissioned by the Governor Clerk of the House of Burgesses, took the oath of office but resigned within five days. Dr. Kennon in 1681 bought the "Rechedale" property from Col William Byrd and the following record 1811/"Rec'd deed from Bro-in-law Col. William Kennon" of this property one of Sir. Thomas Dale's ancient settlements in Henrico County known as Rechedale Hundred. This property he left by will to his son Richard, though in this will it seem to have been spelled Rexedale. He owned property in Henrico, Prince George and Surry counties and took up his residence in Surry a little south of Blackwater River. His son Thomas after his marriage to Martha Bolling seems to have lived in Prince George. He too was a lawyer also and at times it is hard to say which had charge of a law suit. Thomas Eldridge was Attorney for the King and in one of the few remaining books of Prince George County"in 1838 Thomas Eldridge, Gent, attorney for the king, is ordered by the Justices to institute a prosecution against John Jones, on the Constables Information, for tending seconds, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of the Act of Assembly, made in the fourt year of the Reign of our late Severing Queen Ann, entitled an act for improving the staple of Tobacco,&c. The prosecution was brought to a successful conclusion, and Jones was fined 1,000 lbs. of tobacco together with costs and an attorney's fee".It is not certain from any record but is rather surmised that this Thomas Eldridge was Sr. and not Jr.(Virginia Magazine, January 1897, p. 280) It must be considered however that Thomas, Sr. was living in Surry and Thomas, Jr. in Prince George at this time,and Thomas Sr. seems to have acted as King's Attorney earlier and Thomas Jr. does not seem to have a record of acting in this capacity, though he was a justice for Prince George. In 1719"John Bolling, Wm. Epes and Henry Randolph of the Co. of Henrico and Thomas Eldridge of the Co. of Surry" --- deed land ---"in Prince George known by the name of

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Waugh-rick --- on Main Waugh Rick Swamp---etc. Note the names of the Witnesses: Drury Bolling, Fra. Eppes, Jr., and Rich. Kennon, the last a brother of his wife Judith. In the same year 1719 he gets for three years tract ~~XXXX~~ on Blackwater Swamp in Prince George. He makes bond to Henry Ivey in 1723. These tract are specially considered in connection with his will which was made in 1739 and recorded in 1741 seemingly with no witnesses. He died November 4, 1740. He must have acquired permanently the Blackwater Swamp property as also the Waughrick Swamp in Prince George County which he devised respectively/to his sons ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the first William and Richard, and the latter to Thomas. Rochedale went to Richard and the home to the youngest son William, after the death of his mother. Besides these three sons his will shows five daughters to each of whom he leaves slaves.

Judith Eldridge survived her husband some nineteen years and died October 14, 1759, as shown by the Albemarle Parish Register, and vouched for by her son William to whom the property reverted at her death. Her grandson Thomas, son of Thomas and Martha Eldridge lived with her after the death of his father in 1754 during his latter minority. Not so long after her death he took up his residence in Goochland County. Her daughter Ann married Sterling Clack of Brunswick County and both died young, leaving two sons and four daughters. It is stated by a connection of the family recently that she took the girls to live with her. She certainly remembered the four grand-children Mary, Elizabeth, Judith and Ann Stoling Clack in her will dated in 1754 and proved in 1760.

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Thomas Eldridge[I] and Judith Kennon had issue:

1. Thomas Eldridge[2], born 1710 ? Married 1727 ? Martha Belling[3].

2. Judith Eldridge[2], born Married Charles Binns . His will in Surry County mentions daughters Elizabeth, Martha, and Lucy. Nephew Thomas to be guardian to Charles and if he should die then to "Brother Thomas Eldridge". Of the daughters above named,
Elizabeth third daughter of Charles Binns married in 1758 John Jones, who was member of the House of Burgesses in 1772. Martha married Timothy Rives of Sussex in 1773, and Lucy Binns married Capt. Richard Avery of Sussex and their daughter Sarah Avery married John Cargill, son of Rev. John Cargill of Surry.

3. Elizabeth Eldridge[3], born died September 15, 1745.

4. Richard Eldridge[3], born.
5. Ann Eldridge[3]. born. married Sterling Black
6. Mary Eldridge[3], born (Mentioned in her father's will. No other record.)

7. William Eldridge[3], born married Ann Jones.

8. Martha Eldridge[3], born circa 1730, married 1748, John Harris Issue:
   a. Pamela b.June 11, 1749, m. KERR Rev. Christopher M'Rae, March 29, 1768.
   b. Richard, b.
   c. Mary, b.
   d. Anne Kennon, b. April 6, 1758. (who was deaf)
   e. Kennon, b.
   f. Eldridge, b. May, 19, 1764.
   (Will of John Harris dated Dec. 26, 1770, proved in Surry March 19, 1771. Above children mentioned. Rev. Christopher M'Rae Rector of Southwark Parish, Michael Nicholson Surry, and William Eldridge of Surry executors. The last was his brother-in-law)

9. Sarah Eldridge[3], born May 14, 1740 baptised May 25, 1740 with God-parents Tho. Eldridge, Jr., Agnes Kennon, Martha Eldridge, according to the Register of Albemarle Parish. These were her brother and his wife, her first cousin. Agnes Kennon was the youngest child of Robert Belling[1] and Anne Stith and no kin, though she married her uncle Capt. Richard Kennon[2]. She was the Sarah who married in 1762 George Rives of Sussex, and is mixed with the Sarah, daughter of Thomas Eldridge[2] and his second wife Elizabeth Jones, which Sarah married Thomas Edmunds, November 11, 1771.

(The dates of birth of the above can not be given and therefore the sequence is tentative.)

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Thomas Eldridge[2] seems to have been the eldest child of Thomas Eldridge[1] and his wife Judith Kennon, but the exact date of his birth is not known. From Robertson in his "Pocahontas and Her Descendants" states that he was born it would seem 1710, which may be pretty close . His mother Judith (Kennon) Eldridge died October 14, 1759, aged 67, according to the Albemarle Parish Register. She was therefore born in 1692 and was approximately 18 years old in 1710. Robertson states that he married in 1727 Martha Belling, born 1713 daughter of John Belling and Mary Kennon. We question the marriage date as he would have been only 17 and she 14. Col. John Belling the first of "Cobbs" died in 1729 and left in his will land at Flat Creek and slaves to be divided between his daughters Martha and Ann. Had she been married at this date 1727 it strikes us that she would have been mentioned in her father's will under her married name. She had a daughter Jane who lived to a great old age and Gov. Robertson knew her in his youth when she was spoken of as "Old cousin Jenny" and credits her with much of the information contained in his works to the headsprings of many branches. Giving her credit for being the source of the dates of her mothers' birth and marriage she may have been correct. Cettainly they were young and in spite of this interpretation we feel that an error has been made here. Further if she had been the source of Gov. Robertson's information his record of the children of the Eldridge marriage would have been more accurate, as he gives only five children 2 daughters and 3 sons in one place and 1 son and 4 daughters in the other with names. The last named daughter has been the source of much controvery, that is Martha who married John Harris. After careful study on this point we feel confident that ther was a son Thomas born before Jane and possibly a daughter Martha. Jane is given as born c. 1740 , but she may have been born prior to this year. About this time Thomas Eldridge and his wife resided under the confines of Albemarle Parish where the birth of his children are of record, two sons and two daughters (twins) John b. April 4, 1741, Judith and Mary (twins) 1743 and Relfe 1744. After this date there does not seem to have been further children. Marth Eldridge's death is of record Oct. 23, 1749. There is no mention of a child Martha,. Thomas Eldridge married as his second wife Elizabeth Jones and there are record of the births of two children by her Aristotle in 1751 and Howell

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in 1753. There was still another girl Sarah but her birth is not of record in this Parish The death of Thomas Eldridge is recorded however December 4, 1754. Sarah may have been a posthumous child and her mother may have been with her people. It is to be noted that his widow became the second wife of Drury Stith of Brunswick County which is taken up in detail later in this article. Returning to the children by Martha Bolling attention is called to the will of Thomas Eldridge[1] his father, and bear in mind that he married Judith Kennon and John Bolling married her elder sister Mary, and therefore Thomas Eldridge[2] married his first cousin Martha Bolling on the Kennon side. His father leaves his property as also legacies to "Grand-son Tho. Eldridge" and "my Grand-dau. Jane Eldridge". These show conclusively that Thomas and Jane were the children of his son Thomas. The record as given by Gov. Robert son is deficient and erroneous. Further Thomas Eldridge died November 4, 1748 and when he made his will he mentions that his son William was under age. William did have a son Thomas but he was a minor at the time of the death of William in 1772 as shown by the records of Sussex County of that year as also 1774. Richard the other son seems to have had no children. This grandson Thomas Eldridge3 moved from Sussex County, originally Surry, to Goochland County where he married Winifred Jones Miller the daughter of William Miller who was sheriff of that county in 1741. In the records of Goochland County it is shown that he bought 200 acres of land on the south side of Licking Hole Creek from Robert Pleasants as shown in Deed Book I2, p. 16 in 1777. It is to be noted that John Bolling the second of "Cobbs" and brother of Martha Bolling and therefore his uncle owned much property on Licking Hole Creek. John Bolling died in 1757 but his son Thomas Bolling born in 1735 was living in Goochland County at the time Thomas Eldridge moved into the same neighborhood, and it must be seen that they were first cousins, and Thomas may have been the cause of his coming to Goochland. There are a number of genealogies drawing from this Thomas Eldridge[3] all claiming Pocahontas descent, which however we have not followed, though many of them may be correct. Certainly this Thomas was the son of Thomas and Martha, and was born some time in the 1730s, and was the eldest child. He was a minor at the time of his father's death in 1754 and as his step-mother shortly after the death of her husband lived for a time with her Jones relatives but Thomas lived with his grandmother Judith Eldridge, and she died in 1759. He had a daughter Judith (1774-1852) who married Henry Cox and she named two

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daughters one Judith Eldridge (1810-1852) and the other Martha Bolling (1803-1818) and a son Thomas Eldridge Cox, as seem the twodaughters for his two grandparents and the son for him as also his father and grandfather. Thomas Eldridge[3] had the following named children, Thomas[4], Judith, Winifred Jones, John Ralfe Bolling, Sarah Epps and Jane. We interpret this Jane was named for her old maiden Aunt, Gov. Robertson's "Old Cousin Jenny". We call attention to a record taken from Goode's Virginia Cousins with the comment, a misinterpretation.

We return to the "Martha Eldridge m. John Harris of England" according to Robertson, and the discussions on this Martha contained in William and Mary Quarterly XX, 204-207 born Oct. 23, 1749 (the exact date of the death of Martha (Bolling) Eldridge, as shown in Albemarle Parish Register) and the Virginia Magazine etc. Vol. XXXII, pp. 95 & 96. We have shown the inaccuracy of Robertson on the Eldridge family and must eliminate the record of Martha as given by him. In our interpretation of the date of marriage of Thomas Eldridge and Martha Bolling it strikes us most forcibly that this marriage could not have taken place until some time in the 1730s, and 1737 would have been a better guess than 1727. However we can not after a most intensive study place this Martha as the daughter of Thomas and Martha at all for it could not jibe with the Harris data as given. We agree with the possible suggestion of the writer on page 96 of the Va. Mag in putting this Martha as the daughter of Thomas and Judith. In the will of Thomas Eldridge I who died November 4, 1749 he names his daughters in the following sequence: Judith, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, Martha. (there is another daughter Sarah already shown, b. April 4, 1741, after the death of her father.) Careful study shows he does not follow ages at all in his bequests. No further record is found of Mary. Elizabeth is seemingly old enough to have been a godparent for her niece Mary twin daughter of Thomas and Martha Eldridge April 4, 1743. Elizabeth Eldridge died September 15, 1745. Judith and Ann are cared for under Thomas I. Martha Eldridge could easily have been named for Martha Kennon the sister of her mother Judith, who married Robert Munford. This is our interpretation and the will of John Harris proved in Surry County March 10, 1771 is given to substantiate our view thereof. In this will he gives the following named of his children:

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Pamela McRae, (wife of Rev. Christopher McRae) Richard Harris, Mary Harris, Anne Kennon Harris, Kennon Harris and Eldridge Harris. In every case with the exception of Pamela the names belong to the Kennon and Eldridge families. In only one, exception could be made and that is Mary Harris, who might have had the name Mary to originate from Mary Kennon who married John Bolling, who was the sister of her grandmother Judith. The Bolling name seems in no way to be connected in direct line from Bolling. We are strongly of the opinion that this interpretation , after mature consideration, will be accepted. Under this interpretation it was most natural for John Harris, in his will proved in Surry in 1771, to have made his- brother-in-law William Eldridge one of his executors. Another executor was his son-in-law the Rev. Christopher McRae, Rector of Southwark Parish.

The preceding discussions have taken up much of the lifetime of Thomas Eldridge[2] and his wife and first cousin Martha Bolling[2]. He was naturally the eldest son and child of Thomas Eldridge[1] and Judith Kennon. I is rather supposed that he was born in Prince George County before his father took up his residence in Surry. This can not be substantiated by record. His wife, born at "Cobbs", was the daughter of John Bolling[2] and her aunt Mary Kennon[2]. Her father bought the "Cobbs" property which for several generatio was the Bolling ancestral home. It might be of interest here to call attention to the families allied by kin and marriage during the first few decades of the eighteenth cen tury. Dr. Richard Kennon[1] had two sons William and Richard, and three daughters to marry as follows: William, Anne Eppes; Richard Agnes; Bolling[2]; Mary, Col. John Bolling[2]; Martha, Col. Robert Munford; and Judith, Thomas Eldridge[1]s Robert Bolling[1] had an only son, by his first marriage to Jane Rolfe, Col. John Bolling[2] who married Mary Kennon, and by his second marriage to Anne Stith inter alios Agnes Bolling, youngest child who married Richard Kennon. Anne Stith had a great-nephew Col. Drury Stith of Brunswick County (1718-1770) who married as his second wife Elizabeth (Jones) Eldridge who was the widow of Thomas Eldrige[2]. The interrelationships are seen to be very mixed, and a careful consideartion of such must come of necessity in regard to the Eldridge-Bolling-Jones-Stith marriages. There are children of each marriage and a clear statement is not of record. This is the problem to be solved and records are submitted to attest the solution. Thomas Eldridge[2] seems to have spent his life as a resident of Prince George County and is stated on page 95 of the January issue of the Virginia Magazine etc. 1915

to have died in that County. His residence was not far from where his father lived in Surry. This is clearly shown by the fact that he was close enough to the Parish of Albemarle of Surry County, established in 1738, to affiliate himself and family with this parish and with the exception of his two eldest children all of his children show birth records in its Register. He was a lawyer by profession as his father was before him and by will he was left his law books. In 1735 he was qualified to practice law in Amelia County , and in 1745 he was appointed a justice in Prince George. In 1744 Thomas and his wife Martha sold their interest in the property left by her father to herself and sister Anne "now the wife of James Murray. Anne Bolling was a god-parent to their son John in 1741 and married James Murray between these two dates. In 1789 Charles Binns who had married his sister, under certain conditions leaves certain property to "Brother Thomas Eldridge". In 1754 Clement Hancock transfers to Thomas Eldredge land on Notaway River. In 1752 Thomas Edmunds produced license to practice Law in Sussex County. His wife Martha died October 23, 1749 . His father died November 4, 1748 and both of these dates are certified to in the Parish Register by Thomas Eldridge. His children by wife Martha are given later with all of his children. The exact date of his second marriage is not but he had a son Aristotle to be born in 175I. He must have married shortly after Martha's death Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Howell Jones of Surry County. He died a young man really December 4, 1754 as certified to in the Parish Register by John Hay, leaving these children by his wife Elizabeth. He seems to have left no will, for as seen from the January meeting of the Court of Sussex County, Saml. Gordon was given letters of Administration on the estate of Thomas Eldridge --- "Elizabeth the widow of Said Eldridge refused to take ~~XXXXXX~~ administration of husbands estate".

His widow some years later married Col. Col. Drury Stith of Brunswick County. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ as his second wife. Careful abstracts of the will of Col. Stith and Elizabeth Stith have been given . His will was dated in June 1770, and attention is called this clause: "Ilay no claim to any part of the estate ~~XX~~ my wife was possessed of at our marriage". He leave her slaves and personal estate---"during her life, after her decease to be equally divided among children I have had by Her". He leaves a certain tract ~~XXXXXX~~ to wife Elizabeth 746 acres) and at her death "to son Thomas". Executors: John Coleman, Sterling Edmunds and wife Elizabeth. His first wife was Martha ~~xxxx~~ --------- family name not known. Only two

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children by his first wife are mentioned son Buckner and daughter Elizabeth. This will certainly refutes the statement that his second wife bore him no children. This daughter Elizabeth will be considered briefly later in confirmation of the Bolling article of recent date in connection with her Fitzhugh marriages.

The will of Elizabeth Stith is very clear cut and careful consideration shown in her devise to Elizabeth Stith that she does not mention her as her daughter as she does later in devises to other children naming them either son or daughter. She might have been a little more explicit in giving Aristotle, Howell and Sarah the surname Eldridge to distinguish them from her Stith children. However they were the three of her seven children but by her first marriage. It is to be noted that she places distinctly the three Aritltle , Howell and Sarah together so that if any of the three died the Revise to pass to the survivers. The son Howell was minor at law as he was born in 1753 and she placed him under the care of Sterling Edmunds one of her executors as also executor under the will of her husband. The daughters Catherine and Charlotte were placed under the care of friend John Coleman one of her executors and again one of her husbands. Edmunds was placed under the care of Thomas Simmons the other executor under her will. The son Thomas was placed under the care of Rev. Tho. Yandle, (Rector of St. Andrews Parish.) Knowing that she had a son Thomas and statement made that she had no Stith children may have created in the minds of some genealogists that this son Thomas was an Eldridge.

(The statement made in Wm. and Mary, Vol. 21, p. 251, that Mrs Elizabeth Stith's will recorded in Brunswick Feb. 25, 1771, widow of Tho. Eldridge of Prince George, no Stith cdildren, is erreneous.)

Attention is called to the correction made in the Vaginia Quarterlies by Mrs McPherson, Genealogist of Chicago. We have verified same, and show how the error arose which gave Bolling names to descendants of the Elizabeth Stith to which reference has been made in this article. Elizabeth Stith , born 1754 , daughter of Col. Drury Stith and his first wife Martha ———, was about 17 years old at the time of the probation of the will of her stepmother Elizabeth Stith (Mrs Elizabeth Jones Eldridge) in 1771. Her father's will was probated the preceding year 1770. Elizabeth Stith married twice first on October 28, 1770 shortly after her father's death Henry Fitzhugh of Fitzhughsburg (1750-1777); and second October 23, 1777 Henry Fitzhugh of "Bellair" cousin of her first husband. and they had four children the oldest of whom was John Bolling Stith

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Pitsbugh and he inherited "Bollair". This John Bolling had six children and the descendants continued the Bolling name and claimed Pocahontas as an ancestor. It is true that Elizabeth Stith had Bolling kin through the Stith side in the marriage of Robert BollingI to his second wife Anne Stith, but no Pocahontas blood. Elizabeth Stith thus named her first son for John Bolling[2], the father of Martha who married Thomas Eldridge[2], and he married for his second wife Elizabeth Jones, who became the second wife of her father, and Stith from her father's side. It must be seen that born in 1754 she as a girl was raised in a family of three setsof children , two sets of Eldridge children and one set of Stith children her half brothers and sisters. It is not surprising that in the course of time this seeming mix up of four sets of children should have occurred.

Thomas Eldridge[2] and his wife Martha Bolling[3] had issue:-

1. Thomas Eldridge[3], born in 1730s, mar. Winifred Jones of Goochland County.

2. Jane Eldridge[3] (of Bolling[4]) born prior to the date of the will of her grandfather Thomas Eldridge[1] in 1739 was never married. She was named for her mother's eldest sister Jane who married Col. Richard Randolph the first of "Curls". Her Aunt Jane in her will of 1766 left her slves for life , if without issue to daughter Elizabeth. Also Richard Randolph the second of "Curles" her first cousin left her a legacy in 1786 "to worthy kinswoman Miss Jane Eldridge." She died at a"great old age" according to Gov. Robertson but exact date of her death not known.

3. John Eldridge[3], born April 22, 1741, was named for his grandfather John Bolling[2] and seems to have had the full name as in the will of his first cousin Edward Bolling[4] son of his uncle John Bolling[3] in 1769 he is left negro man as legacy to "cousin Bolling Eldridge. His first cousin Richard Randolph of "Curles" leaves legacy to "worthy kinsman Mr. John Eldridge" in 1786. He does not seem to have married and the date of his death is not known.

4. Judith Eldridge[3], (of Bolling[4]) born March II, 1743 (twin); married James Ferguson.

5. Mary Eldridge[3], (of Bolling[4]) born March II, 1743 (twin); married Thomas Branch.

6. Rolfe Eldridge[3], (of Bolling[4]) born December 29, 1744; married Sarah Everard Walker; lived at "Subpoena" Buckingham County, and its Clerk 1770-1806.

Thomas Eldridge[2] and his second wife Elizabeth Jones had issue:

7. Aristotle Eldridge[3], born October 30, 1751; married Ann Lanier 1785.

8. Howell Eldridge[3], born March ~~XXX~~ II, 1753; married Martha Fisher 1772.

9. Sarah Eldridge[3], born 1754-55; married Thomas Edmunds 1771, son of Col. Nicholas Edmunds of Sussex. (Wm. & Mary, Vol. 23, p 144)

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Jane Eldridge 3 & 4, daughter of Thomas Eldridge[2] (I7I0-I754) and his wife Martha Belling[3] (I7I3-I749) is stated in "Pocahontas ect." to have been born c. I740. She was born at an earlier date as shown by the will of her grandfather Thomas Eldridge[I], who married Judith Kennon is dated Aug. I7, I739 and proved in Surry County May, 20, I74I. In this will there is this item of a legacy"tomy grand dau. Jane Eldridge" She was therefore born certainly prior to the dating of the will, and seems to have been the eldest daughter of her parents. and lived to a great old age. The following is quoted from "Pocahintas etc:" page 84: "Of Jenny Eldridge[5], known to my boyhood as "Old Cousin Jenny" , and to whome acquisitions this compilation owes so much, I am able by a recent communication to say that she was a family celebrity, distinguished for her alertness of body and mind-- a bright wit, a fine memory, and especially for her devotion to her Indian blood, and all its lore and tradition. It was said of her that she could call the name and kinship of every descendant of Pocahontas. She was the chief store-house, therefore, and authority of her day of everything known concerning her family in the minutest particulars before and during her time. To her is due the preserved knowledge of the headsprings of many of its branches, which else had been irreceverably lost". She never married and died , date not known but well into the nineteenth century. Allo the genealogies mention he as the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Belling) Eldridge, but very little is known concering her directly. From the articles appearing in the Virginia Magazine on the Descendants of John Rolfe in the January No. I9I5, p. 96 she is given as the last child No. 44, but this is an error as shown above. Also in the William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. XX pp. 205-7 she i is given no. II just before John No,IO. The position is correct but the numbers should be transposed, as she was the elder. We have never been able to verify a statement that she married John Robinson in I762. Furthermore we know such to be erroneous from the record below. She was evidently named for her mother's eldest sister Jane Belling who married Richard Randolph the first of "Curles". Her aunt Jane Randolph in her will dated March 2, I766 left her a legacy as follows: (Va. Mag. Oct. I9I4, p. 444)

> To "Niece Jane Eldridge is leaned for life , certain negroes, and should she marry and have issue then in fee, otherwise to my daughter Elizabeth, to Jane Eldridge, black walnut Press".

In the will of Richard Randolph also of "Curles" and son of her aunt Jane Randolph, and her first cousin , she is left a legacy thus expressed to "worth kinswoman Miss Jane Eldridge"El Her cousin Richard died June 5, I786.

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John Eldridge[3], son of Thomas Eldridge[2] (I7I0-I754) and his wife Martha Belling (I7I3 I749) is not given in Robertson's "Pocahontas", but he was born April 22, I74I.

This record is taken from Albemarle Parish Register:

" John, son of Thomas Eldridge and wife Martha,
b. 4, 22, Bap. 5, I7, I74I.
God-parents: Wm. Eppes, Wm. Willis, Ann Belling, Ann Eldridge."

Note: William Eppes wa friend and connection of the family, William Willis was Rector of the Parish. Ann Belling was Anne Belling[3], his aunt and sister of his Mother Martha Belling[3], who married later James Murray; Ann Eldridge was also his aunt, the sister of his father and she married Sterling Clack of Brunswick County.

John Eldridge seems not to have married and very little is known of him except in certain legacies left him as also his sister Jane. In the will of Edward Belling[3] (I744-I770) dated Sept. 9, I769 and recorded in Amherst County Oct. I, I770 there is this legacy "to Cousin Belling Eldridge". He was the brother of his mother Martha Belling[3], and we interpret "Cousin Belling Eldridge" to have been this John Eldridge and that his full name was John Belling Eldridge, named for his grand-father Col, John Belling[2] the first of "Cobbs". He certainly was named for him, and in I770 there was no Belling Eldridge known, and John Eldridge lived beyond this date. In the will of Richard Randolph[3], the second of "Curles" and the son of Richard Randolph[2] of Curles (I7 who married Jane Belling[3] the eldest sister of his mother Martha Belling[3], there are two legacies respectively one to "worthy kinswoman Miss Jane Eldridge" and the other to "worthy kinsman Mr. John Eldridge". This Richard Randolph died June 5, I786 and John Eldridge was living at that date. There seems to be no record of him after this time and the date of his death is not known.

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William Eldridge[2] seems to have been the youngest of the three sons of Thomas Eldridge[1] and Judith Kennon[2], but there is no record of the date of his birth. He was however under age at the time of the date of his father's will in 1739, in Surry County. In the first item of the will he is to receive the home place upon the decease of his mother, also in the second item he is to receive the Blackwater property in Prince George County when he arrives at the age of 21, as also another tract in Prince George to be divided upon her decease between William and Richard, and lastly he was to receive slaves. William thus received considerable property, outlived his brother Thomas and died between January 24, and May 21, 1772 as indicated by the dates of signing and proving his will in Sussex County. He resided in Surry County until 1755 when Sussex was established and he as as also his mother fell into that County. He married Ann Jones the daughter of Richard Jones of Surry County but the date is not known. As seen he died in 1772 and his will is recorded in Sussex County in Will Book B. page 350, wherein he makes the following devises: To wife Ann, to son Robert, daughter Elizabeth, son Thomas, daughter Mary and daughter Anne and appoints his wife Ann and brother-in-law Robert Jones executors. In the Court Order Book for Sussex County 1754-1787 are the following entries:

1774	The estate of	Thomas Eldridge,	orphan of	Capt.	William	Eldridge	decod.)					
"	"	"	"	Nancy	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	) pp.
1775	"	"	"	Elizabeth	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	) 423-
"	"	"	"	Polly	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	) 425.
"	"	"	"	Robert	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	)

From the above records it is shown that William Eldridge dying in 1772 left two sons and three daughters, all minor children at that date. Thomas seems to have been the eldest, though Robert is the first son mentioned in the will. The William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 23, page 144 mentions the marriage of Ann (Jones) Eldridge after the decease of William Eldridge to John Cargill, as also that her father Richard Jones died in 1774. The Court Order Book for 1787 page 119 John Wassenbury is appointed guardian to Ann Eldridge, orphan of Wm. Eldridge, decd, and also to John and Nathaniel Cargill orphans of John Cargill. (From Sussex County marriage bonds is the record of marriage of John Cargill to Anne relict of William Eldridge, September 15, 1774.) Between this date and 1781 Ann and her husband John Cargill seem to be dead and Ann is the only orphan left. John and Nathaniel Cargill seem to have been their children though they may have been the children of John Cargill by a former marriage. This has not been investigated.

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The foregoing study evidences that Thomas[3], John[3], and Rolfe[3], sons of Thomas[2] by Martha Rolling; Aristotle[3], and Hazell[3], sons of Thomas[2] by Elizabeth Jones; and Thomas[3] and Robert[3] sons of William[2] by Ann Jones; the above seven being grandsons of Thomas[1] and Judith Kerman his wife. These seven were therefore the progenitors of the Eldridge name in the male line, and since there is no evidence that John[2] ever married only six can be considered. The Eldridge name however is often seen in the female line in subsequent generations.

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